

Table 23.11-- SHOPPING CENTER CHARACTERISTICS: 1996 TO 1999

Characteristic	1996	1997	1998	1999
Number	175	182	182	184
Gross leasable area (mil. sq. ft.)	18	19	19	20
Retail sales (bil. dol.)	3.6	3.9	4.2	4.6

Source: *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2000* (p. 765) and earlier editions.